IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner: Fronda, Christian L.
Woon-Lam Susan LEUNG, et al.) Art Unit: 1652
Application Serial No. 09/422,528) Confirmation No: 5652
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(e)(2)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified patent application a Notice of Allowance was mailed on December 2, 2009, and the issue fee was paid on February 26, 2010.

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR §1.313(c)(2) requesting withdrawal of the above-identified patent application from issue after payment of the issue fee and consideration of a Request for Continued Examination filed in compliance with 37 CFR §1.114, a copy of which is enclosed with the present Petition.

The documents submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement accompanying the Request for Continued Examination are believed to be material to the patentability of the allowed claims, and should be considered by the Office before a patent issues on the above-identified application.

Please charge the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(h) and any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 (referencing Attorney's Docket No. GNE-0128 (24126.076)).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 11, 2010 By Electronic Signature: <u>/GINGER R. DREGER/</u>

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